

Coronavirus response - Federation University Australia

Thursday 26 March 2020

Dear *|FName|*,

As you are aware, we are preparing to commence online delivery of our higher education programs from Monday 30 March. While teaching activities are paused this week, our university staff are working hard to ensure we can continue to provide you with a high quality teaching and learning experience in these challenging times.

This email contains helpful information about how online teaching and learning will work, as well as updates on the university's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Practical sessions and labs

Following further review of higher education programs that require face-to-face delivery, practical sessions and labs have now been deferred for the rest of the semester. The Arts Academy programs that require face-to-face contact such as performing arts, acting, music theatre, communication design, ceramics, visual and fine arts will be transitioned to a limited online delivery from Monday 30 March and will no longer be taught face-to-face. Please speak to your course coordinator if you have any questions about this.

Census date

We understand online learning will be new for many of our students and we want to make sure you have time to make sure it is right for you. Therefore we will be extending the census date from Tuesday 31 March to Thursday 30 April. This means you have until **Thursday 30 April** to change your enrolment without facing any academic or financial penalty.

Online study support

We know you have a lot of questions about how online delivery will work. Attached to this email are two handy fact sheets with information about online study and academic support. This information will also be updated on our [website](#) later today.

- [Online learning support \(pdf, 168kb\)](#)
 - [Tips for learning at home \(pdf, 169kb\)](#)
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Our community

We understand you may be feeling anxious about the COVID-19 pandemic. It is normal to feel that way as it is a situation unlike anything we have experienced before. However, please remember that you are not alone. Our whole university community is here to support you, whether through academic and study support or free and confidential [counselling support](#) services. Please utilise these services, talk to our staff, and take care of

yourself and each other.

We'll continue to keep you updated on the university's response to the COVID-19 situation and we remain committed to ensuring you receive the highest quality teaching and learning experience.

Best regards,

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